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**ON YOUR MARKS:** Lynn Russell (pictured fourth from left) said the whole village has been supporting the Mear family since January. So far, more than £10,000 has been collected via a fundraising page at [justgiving.com/avas-ecmo-challenge](http://justgiving.com/avas-ecmo-challenge)

## Village ready to run to London to raise money for Ava Mear

FIVE parents will take part in a charity run from Caddington to London in May as part of a fundraising drive to raise money for a hospital.

The run's been organised after four-year-old Ava Mear survived four heart attacks after falling ill in January.

She is currently recovering at Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) after doctors treated her using an 'ECMO' machine.

Since her operation, Clive, Ava's father, said the family has been raising money to buy GOSH another machine.

They cost £80,000 and there are only 20 available in the UK.

Caddington residents have held fundraising events, including dressing as superheroes.

Lynn Russell, an organiser of the run and one of the parents taking part, said: "As a village

we have raised a lot of money so far for the ECMO machine.

"And we thought of what else we could do, and that was doing a marathon. We thought we could help the Mear family so we can have other people saved like Ava was."

Four of the team will set off on May 18 before being joined by Rowena Baldwin, Ava's reception teacher at Caddington Village School, for the last 10 miles of the 35-mile run.

They will be supported by a car and a team of cyclists which includes Mr Mear.

He said: "We have been overwhelmed by the support of the village."

"The idea of the run to London is a great one because it can be inclusive and it's worth it."

# Video makes Luton #happy!

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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A MUSIC video featuring Luton residents dancing to the Pharrell Williams pop hit 'Happy' has received more than 79,000 views since being launched last Saturday.

Thousands of residents, and people from outside the town, have gone online to express their support for the video, which was adopted for International Happiness Day on Thursday by the United Nations.

It was part of a project organised by the Museum Makers team, who are based at Wardown Park Museum, and filmed by Luton media production company NangTV.

The 3.5-minute video was initially shown last Saturday on a big screen in The Mall before being uploaded on to online video website YouTube.

It features people from various organisations in the town, including Castletroy Residential Home, Tina's School of Dance, and Keech Hospice. Since going online it has been widely shared and received numerous comments, including one from Pharrell's official YouTube channel.

On Twitter, Luton-born actor Colin Salmon said: "We always knew how to dance in Luton X", whilst Luton-born Sarfraz Manzoor posted a link to the video along with the comment 'The Happy folk of Luton'.

Jemma Murphy, the Museum

Makers' campaigns co-ordinator, said the team behind the project had been 'overwhelmed' by the public response to the video.

She said: "It's been received so well and the feedback we have had from everyone has been really positive."

"We have had emails from people saying that they are really proud to be Lutonians."

"We never expected it to be like this. We have been overwhelmed by the response and it's done really well."

"It was about promoting Luton in a positive light and it was something that the Museum Makers team felt Luton people needed. It's still being shared all over the internet."

Ms Murphy also said the team had a host of other things planned for the remainder of the year, including another video, but they have not yet decided what it will be about.

She added: "We are going to do a part two and it's something that we decided before releasing the video."

"Working on the video was such an enjoyable experience. We will give it a little while but we will definitely do a part two."

Igniter, a local musician and the founder of NangTV, said: "It's been crazy, I never imagined that it would get this big and it's amazing. Pharrell even commented on it."

"When we first started out we wanted to show that Luton can be

happy and that it's not about the bad things. It was about showing diversity and that was the main goal. I think we achieved that. Even people outside Luton are sharing the video."

Below is a selection of the comments some residents have made online about the video:

**Lynne Hammond** said: "Yep, it's trending on You Tube and AA Gill the journalist has praised it on Twitter. Luton's on the map for all the right reasons thanks to this!"

**Shemiza Rashid** said: "Fantabulous video makes you #happyLuton"

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# Man who injured boy, 3, faces long jail sentence

BY JULIA SUTTON  
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**A MAN faces a lengthy jail term for causing injuries to a three-year-old boy from which the child is unlikely to ever recover.**

Ryan Parker, 29, of Butlin Road, Luton, left the child with brain damage that means he cannot see properly and his speech and language have been harmed.

He was convicted of cruelty to a person aged under-16 between November 4-12, 2012 and two charges of grievous bodily harm with intent.

Parker was cleared of a third charge of causing grievous bodily harm with intent, admitting causing grievous bodily harm.

After the jury returned their verdicts, he admitted possessing indecent images of children,

some of which were at Level 5 – the most serious.

He and a woman defendant, will be sentenced once pre-sentence reports have been prepared.

Luton Crown Court was told when the child was examined at the Luton and Dunstable hospital, medical staff found over 50 bruises, abrasions, scratches, and pinch injuries.

Prosecutor David Matthew warned the jury of seven women and five men about the photographs of the boy's injuries that they were to see during the trial.

He said: "You are going to be looking at some really horrible things. You are going to have to brace yourselves."

He went on: "The most serious injury is the brain injury. His brain hasn't fully recovered.

"He still cannot see right, his speech and language have been harmed and he has not come on emotionally.

"He did him so much damage the boy is unlikely ever to fully recover."

The court heard Parker claimed that the boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, had slipped onto a radiator.

Judge Stuart Bridge said: "I want a full assessment of the level of risk so that I can consider how long a period of custody must be served.

"It could be an indefinite sentence."

He told Parker: "You have been convicted of causing appalling violence to a three-year-old.

"You will be sentenced for a very long period of imprisonment."

## newsbriefs

## GIRL, 10, ESCAPES ABDUCTION

A 10-YEAR-OLD girl escaped an attempted abduction on Friday. She had been in Garden Road, Dunstable, at about 4pm, when a man in a white vehicle tried to get her into the vehicle. But she was able to get away and go to a family member's house. The incident follows a similar one last week involving a girl aged 13. See story on page 30.

## STUDENTS CELEBRATE THEIR WORK

GIFTED and talented Lealands High School students have taken part in a day of activities. The annual event saw year 7 to 10 students tackle a variety of challenging tasks. It was set up for students who the school class as being 'gifted' academically and 'talented' in more creative subjects.

## TEEN IN KNIFEPOINT ROBBERY

A TEENAGER has had his Apple iPhone stolen at knife point. The 15-year-old boy was robbed in Rockley Road, Luton, on the evening of March 16. Police have said they are investigating the incident.

## Vauxhall releases first pictures of the new generation Vivaro

THESE are the first official pictures of the new generation Vauxhall Vivaro van that will be built in Luton.

Due to be launched in the summer, the van will feature improved interior space and be powered by all-new diesel engines.

According to Vauxhall, the new Vivaro will combine the functionality of a light commercial vehicle with the comfort and design flair of a passenger car.

Approximately 500,000 vehicles are sold annually in West and Central Europe in this market segment, with the Vivaro accounting for nearly ten per cent of the total.

Mark Adams, Vauxhall Design Vice President, said: "The second generation Vauxhall Vivaro distinguishes itself with its superb practicality and quality. After 13 successful years on the market, we wanted to make the new Vivaro's packaging even more attractive while raising the standard of its core capabilities."

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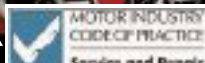


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# Students take part in events for Sport Relief

BY CARL MUNGAZI  
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COLLEGE students and primary school pupils did their bit for Sport Relief this week with a variety of fundraising events.

On Friday, Luton Sixth Form College (pictured right) held a bucket collection and a series of challenges in its sports hall.

For a £1 donation, staff and students were able to take part in a table tennis competition, a football crossbar challenge and see how many basketball hoops they could shoot in succession.

A spokesman for the college said: "The most fun activities though was a crash mat slide race, which saw students racing each other – and the clock – by diving across the hall on the big gym landing mats."

Over at Wigmore Primary School (pictured bottom right), pupils donated £1 and dressed up as their favourite sporting heroes. They then took part in a race around the school.

Annette Weldon, the school's assistant head teacher, said: "The Fun Run was organised by PE Coordinator



Simon Marshall. The children were really supportive and everyone came dressed as their sporting hero.

"The entire school participated and ran around the whole school including the nature reserve. The children were keen to raise money for others that are less fortunate. All in all the day was a great success and the children had a fantastic time."

There will be more Sport Relief action today (Sunday) as the PlayFootball centre in Stopsley hosts a five-a-side tournament from 10am.



## Big Dave gets fit for his big walk!

A CRIMINAL barrister taking a 1,100-mile trek from John O' Groats to Lands End has enlisted the help of two professionals to get him in shape for the mission.

Dave Redmond, 31, (pictured far right) will be walking the length of mainland Britain on his own for charity in June.

He is aiming to complete it in 50 days and to help him on his way he has been training with former boxing champion Billy Schwer and will also begin working with kickboxing instructor Amir Subasic from Storm Gym.

Dave said he had gone from 24st 6lbs to 21st 11lbs during the course of his preparation so far.

He said: "The training with Amir is starting this week. I have been training with Billy for nearly two months and I have been doing 20-mile walks once a week."

He added: "Billy is a very good motivational speaker and he has been on hand to give me a pep talk when I need it."



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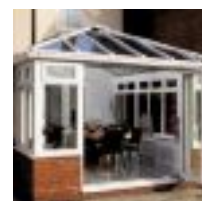
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# There's still time to 'say no' to site

BY KATHRYN CAIN

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A LIST of more than 3,000 signatures objecting to the creation of a gypsy and traveller site in Barton le Clay has been submitted to a council.

Members of the Barton Residents Action Group (BRAG) presented their evidence, showing why the proposed 15-pitch site in Faldo Road shouldn't be allowed to open, to Central Bedfordshire Council on Wednesday.

BRAG member James Knight said: "In addition to presenting the objections of more than 3,200 residents (180-pages of signatures), we will be providing the inspector with a map street-by-street as to where those residents live, with a colour-coded percentage.

"At this time it represents over 60 per cent of all the houses in the village with more coming in every day."

The group is encouraging residents to submit objections before the public consultation ends on March 31.



CAMPAIGN: BRAG members cover the village in posters

And to rally further support for their cause, BRAG has blitzed the village over the past few days handing out thousands of posters saying 'hands off our green belt' for residents and business owners to put up in their front windows, cars and gardens.

James added: "With just one more week to go until the end of the consultation we want to make sure everyone who hasn't objected yet who wants to, knows what we're doing."

A spokeswoman for the council said: "We have a legal

obligation to provide sufficient land to ensure at least a five year land supply. While our preference is more, smaller sites, site 16 was felt able to satisfactorily accommodate up to 15 pitches."

To take part in Central Bedfordshire Council's consultation on the gypsy and traveller plan, visit: <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/surveys/G&T/form.htm> or you can post a letter of support or objection to: Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford.

## Man, 62, is robbed of £40

A 62-YEAR-OLD man has been robbed of £40 during an assault in which he was pushed to the ground.

The man had been walking along Kimpton Road, Luton, on March 15, between 9.30-9.45am when the attack took place.

He was approached from behind by two men who asked what the time was, but before he had the chance to reply he was pushed to the floor.

The men then ran to the bottom of Kimpton Road

before splitting up.

When the 62-year-old got to his feet, he realised that his wallet, which contained around £40 in cash, was missing.

At the time of the attack he had been wearing a green/brown jumper, black trousers, and carrying a Morrisons bag.

Detective Constable Joanna Bosson, investigating, would like to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time of the attack and may have seen the robbers.

The first man has been described as being white, in his mid-20s, around 5ft 9ins tall, of medium build, with short brown hair, and wearing a grey hooded top and blue jeans.

The second was also white, of similar age, height and build, with short blonde hair, and wearing a navy blue fleece and blue jeans.

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Some of last year's winners celebrate their success

## Olympic footballer is guest at awards

ENGLAND Women's football captain Casey Stoney is set to be the guest of honour at this year's Luton Sports Awards ceremony being held on Thursday.

The night will be a celebration of the success of sports men and women in the town over the past 12 months.

Proceedings will kick-off at 7.30pm at Venue 360, with a short address by Stoney before the awards are presented to various sports teams and individuals who have won this year.

# Schools to close as teachers strike

BY STEFAN BARTLETT  
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**SCHOOLS are set to close this Wednesday as teachers take part in a national strike, unions have warned.**

Around 10 schools in Luton are expected to shut completely while most others will be hit by partial closures.

The disruption is likely to anger parents who will have to organise childcare.

The action, organised by the National Union of Teachers, is part of a campaign against

government changes which the NUT says could lead to teachers working until they are 68 or beyond, increasing pension contributions by 50 per cent and introducing performance-related pay.

Luton NUT Secretary Bodrul Amin said: "Teacher workload is unsustainable and the thought of doing the job until 68 is driving many away from the job."

"Teacher morale is at dangerously low levels. During action in the autumn we had 10 schools close in Luton."

"I expect we will be looking at a similar sort of number this time. Most schools that don't close will be affected by partial closures."

"We apologise for the inconvenience to parents but we hope they will support us."

"Our action is against the government and Michael Gove and we hope that parents will understand why we are doing this."

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## County is ready for cycling tour

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The tour, which is a new cycling stage-race, kicks off on May 7 and will pass through the county on its second stage.

Wyman, who splits her time between Barton-le-Clay and Belgium, launched the Bedfordshire stage on Wednesday at the Embankment in Bedford.

## 'We need more cop patrols' says college

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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**THE principal of Luton Sixth Form College has called for more policing following four robberies in three months near the site.**

Chris Nicholls, of Luton Sixth Form College, has written to Police and Crime Commissioner Olly Martins asking for more police patrols in response to the robberies.

The latest incident, on March 5, saw a boy, 16, nearly robbed by three men who

beat him with knuckle dusters on the path between Bradgers Hill Road and Elmwood Crescent. The trio had robbed another man minutes earlier. In his letter, Mr Nicholls said he was 'concerned' there was a limited police presence in the area.

He said: "Whilst we understand that this is a relatively low priority area by comparison with other areas in the town, we feel that there is a need for a greater presence at certain times of the day."

Bedfordshire Police said

they had charged and arrested two suspects who are awaiting trial for the first two robberies. Officers are investigating the other incidents and conducting patrols.

The force also said that whilst it acknowledged the attacks were 'frightening and serious for those concerned', other students still had safe journeys to and from school.

Mr Martins said he had been 'reassured' by the force's 'comprehensive and robust mix of investigative and preventative action'.

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# your letters



## Lack of proportion in words

SIR - Reading Steve Lowe's comment piece "Police close ranks and politicians just let them", last weekend (*Luton on Sunday*, March 16), I couldn't help but feel a lack of proportion in the words.

You rightly mention the concern over cases such as Stephen Lawrence and Hillsborough which of course grew from tragedies for individual families into events which shook faith in the police on a national level.

But it is unfair, and untrue, to make a blanket statement that "rotten apples" in the police are protected by the police.

Most often, it is other police officers who report colleagues for behaviour which falls below the exceptionally high standard which officers are held to.

It is important to remember that here in Bedfordshire we deal with about a 1000 calls a day and 400 incidents involving officer attendance.

In general, these go very well. Police officers and staff come to work to protect the public and arrest those that cause most harm. The recent survey conducted for the Independent Police Commission "Policing for a Better Britain" said that 74 per cent of the public have trust in the police.

However, sometimes things go wrong. When mistakes are made we learn from them but when wrong-doing is identified I deal robustly with it. I have personally referred a number of inquiries out of force precisely for the reason that integrity and

## We're happy to be Lutonians

SIR - As you are inviting comments I thought I would chip in regarding the Luton Happy video which tens of thousands of people have been watching online.

The video brings a smile to all but the grumpiest of faces.

There's no point in pretending that Luton is perfect.

It has its problems. It has lots of people. Those people bring their own problems, but people also

bring solutions.

One of the things that struck me about being elected as a councillor was the sheer privilege of getting to meet those people who work to build a strong community. People who care about their neighbours.

Luton is a town of immigrants. The coat of arms has a thistle in homage to the Scots who were brought here to kick start the hat industry. Many come here think-

ing they'll work to earn some money, then return to where they came from.

They don't feel part of a community, and often don't intend to become part of one.

But, one at a time they realise that this is their home. As long as they're living here, this is their home.

It doesn't matter where you come from. You're a Lutonian.

**Cllr Mark Rivers**  
Round Green Ward

been too embarrassed to ask. Don't worry, it's anonymous, but we'll put the most asked queries to our panel of health experts and update the site with practical tips and advice. Get in touch! Let's get talking!

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**Mark Flannagan, CEO**  
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## Is a 'No Entry' sign too simple?

SIR - Regarding the L&D Busway. Why not put up simple 'No Entry' red discs. They seem to work for most roads. Include a small 'except buses' and then it is unequivocal.

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**Andy McCorry**  
Austin Road, Luton

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**Sonya Chowdhury**  
Chief Executive, Action for M.E.

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**T**HESE days the whole world of work is looking at levels of performance. One of the jargon phrases is KPIs – Key Performance Indicators.

For many their pay rises depend on them. Not bankers of course but they are one of two special cases – be patient I am coming to the other.

Last week Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt said that as part of his explanation for giving health workers a pay cut, he was going to introduce performance related pay into hospitals. It shouldn't be about time served but how well you look after patients.

Hospital workers should not be worried by this, as from what I have seen, they work extremely hard for not a great deal of money. So if he is true to his word – MP true to his word shock – then they should get some hefty rises.

But, as I said, there seems to be only one group, apart from bankers, who these days can get pay rises without any improvement in performance. Yes it's MPs. They are to get an 11 per cent rise after next year's election.

That is on a current salary of £67,400. It will be an extra £7,600 taking them to 75k. And they will decide this themselves. Not before the election, of course, because that might influence our voting.

## Time to pay MPs by their results...

Many MPs believe they earn it and deserve it. I remain unconvinced but see a way of not having to listen to my, and most other voters, prejudices on this matter.

MPs should be paid a basic wage, say the average wage of around £25,000 a year, and then can earn up to £75,000 more on performance related pay.

A panel of electors, picked randomly, could determine MPs' KPIs. Sounds sexy doesn't it? Then judge their performance against them.

I don't wish to prejudge but attendance at the House of Commons, which apart from Question Time looks rather bare, could be one, along with how many constituents' problems they resolve, how much expenses they claim and what for, and select committees they belong to.

There would obviously need to be larger issues as well, such as how the country is faring, and maybe different MPs could be judged on

particular national areas of responsibility, such as health, the police, the economy, controlling the budget etc.

This, like many of my best ideas, would be a win-win, as hard working effective MPs would be paid a decent salary, lazy ineffective ones would not and the public could clearly see who is performing and who isn't.

It would also take away that suspicion that they are happy to tell us what to do – austerity, only the hard working should be rewarded – while ignoring it for themselves.

And when they stand for re-election, they can use their performance related figures to impress the voters. Or not.

Sadly, like most of my best ideas, I cannot see it being taken up, as MPs would not like to see any of their ineffective colleagues exposed in this way.

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# #meninmakeup are on the loose!

BY CARL MUNGAZI  
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A GROUP of men from Dunstable have set up a 'men in make-up' Facebook page as part a campaign to raise awareness about cancer.

Jason Savage, Westley Hayes, and Garry Rogers launched the page, which has more than 1,700 'likes', on March 14. It was done in support of the women's 'no make-up selfie' campaign which has already raised more than £2 million for Cancer Research UK.

Men have been submitting pictures of themselves wearing make-up to the trio's page and then nominating their male friends to follow suit.

The 'no make-up selfie' campaign has seen women posting images of themselves with no make-up and then also nominating others.

Jason said the group had initially created a group for their campaign on March 6 but then they created a page after receiving a lot of online support.

He said: "People are absolutely loving it and there are congratulatory messages all over the page."



The trio visited the Luton on Sunday offices on Friday after having their make-up done at the Debenhams store in The Mall

"The pictures are from people everywhere and we have been monitoring where it's going and it's gone all over the world."

"We started the page and then we did not get the code until a few days later."

"When we first did it we were using the no make-up selfie code because we didn't have our own."

"People in other countries are not going to be able to donate but even then it's still

raising awareness."

"The total reach of the posts has been 31,750 people and we are just hoping that this gets bigger and bigger."

"We are hoping to get more people involved and make it as big as we can."

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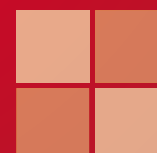
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The courses are run by the Wriggles Exotic Pet Store in High Street South which is owned by Dunstable couple Marc and Hazel Darton.

The store sells a variety of creatures but it's the collection of snakes, such as the Chinese sharp nose viper and Gaboon viper, that people come for.

Although the '100 paces' claim is more legend than fact, Wriggles is very serious about its course.

One of the instructors is Julian Clare, a 43-year-old retail manager from Leighton Buzzard who started keeping non-venomous snakes at the age of 14, before moving to the venomous variety when he was 20.

Anyone wanting to keep certain species of wild animals in the UK needs to obtain a DWA licence from

their local authority, but as Julian explains, that is not very easy to do.

He said: "It's very difficult to get experience without a licence, and it's very difficult to get a licence without experience."

"The vast majority of venomous keepers in the UK are largely self-taught and they are using methods created for non-venomous snakes." So how is the course organised?

He said: "On the course we start with an ice-breaker. So we try to get into people's backgrounds and what they hope to get from the course."

"A lot of people are looking for experience and to develop the skills that they have gained in non-venomous snake handling."

Julian said the course emphasises safety and the

This week reporter CARL MUNGAZI spoke to the Dunstable pet store offering courses on how to safely handle venomous snakes

well-being of the animals to its students, who never handle the snakes without an instructor nearby.

The reptiles have not been neutralised and can still deliver a deadly bite.

Wriggles is one of a select number of places offering this experience, it has students from all over the country, including some who come from abroad.

Julian said: "Real safe venomous snake handling is quite boring. When it comes to the venomous snakes, the media tend to dramatise the handling."

"It's all about control and being calm, not taking risks other than the ones that you have to. With all the media available, we feel it's important that people have a place to come to where they can learn this."

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**TRAINING:** Julian (pictured top right) is always on hand to make sure his students remain safe. The store has tutored a variety of people, including staff at Heathrow Airport's Animal Reception



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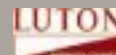
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# Finalists revealed for Retail Factor!

BY STEFAN BARTLETT  
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THE Bridge Project and Gelato Heaven have been announced as the two finalists for this year's Retail Factor competition.

Both will now have the opportunity to trade from a special unit in The Mall shopping centre in Luton, rent-free for three weeks.

The competition is organised by The Mall and supported by Luton on Sunday.

The contest saw applicants

pitch ideas to judges who selected Emma Dagless for The Bridge Project, a social enterprise scheme, selling a range of high quality locally produced food, drink and crafts. Also selected was Sulina Bangaroo from Gelato Heaven, specialists in making egg-free and vegetarian gelato ice cream and sorbets.

Emma said: "Being a Retail Factor finalist and trading in The Mall will provide us with a fantastic launch event for the project."

Sulina said: "When I got the

call that I was one of the winners of The Retail Factor to trade at The Mall Luton and potentially be entered into the national competition I couldn't believe it!"

Both finalists now have their chance to impress Lutonians. But who will be the winner and go head to head with The Mall finalists across the UK for £1,000 in cash towards stock and mentorship from a member of the judging panel?

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Over the weekend, the Luton Library Theatre hosted the farcical comedy 'Drinking Habits' by the Parke Drama and Arts Group from Castlebar, Co. Mayo.

This year's parade and main stage events took place last Sunday. It began with the mass at Castle Street

The Luton Irish Forum invited the town to celebrate Irish culture with them during this year's 15th annual St Patrick's Festival. CARL MUNGAZI found out how it went

before the parade followed its traditional route from Manor Road through to the town centre.

Tom Scanlon, from the Irish Forum, said: "From a very modest beginning 15 years ago, the Luton St Patrick's Festival Parade and associated entertainment rivals that of London and

New York for the level of participation of diverse groups.

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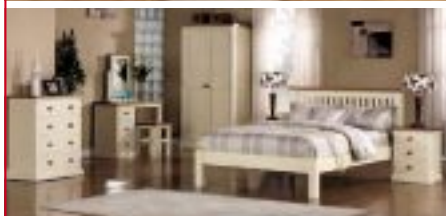
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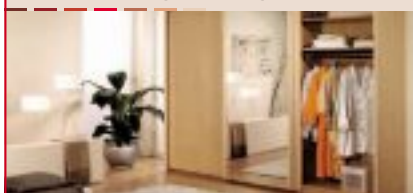


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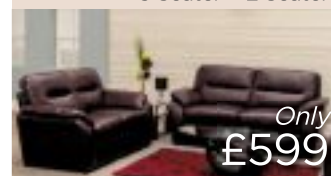
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## Spring/Summer at the Hat Factory

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Run time 60 mins

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### BAD MANNERS

Friday 28 March, 8pm

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Music



### Rosie Wilby:

#### Is Monogamy Dead?

Thursday 3 April, 7.30pm

Jo Brand meets Eddie Izzard as the multi-award winning stand up and disgruntled serial monogamist makes wickedly cutting jokes about sexuality, blackbird vasectomies, jumping rats and lollipop ladies.

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### 100% Young Producers & The Hat Factory present Songs for the Strange

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### Sparkle Dark presents Killing Roger

Wednesday 23 April, 1.30 & 8pm

Visually striking puppetry and live music accompany this moving and humorous play about life, friendship and death.

Ages 13+

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Theatre



### ukdecay

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Saturday 3 May, 8pm

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## Adapting to Housing Benefit changes:

Advice on homeswapping There have been changes to Housing Benefit so that working-age people living in social housing now receive Housing Benefit based on the number of people in their household and the size of their accommodation.



This change, known as the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy, will help families living in overcrowded accommodation and those on waiting lists to find new homes. This system already applied to people renting privately so now all tenants are treated in the same way.

If you are affected, the amount of Housing Benefit you receive may have reduced, but there is a range of support to help you adapt to these changes and find a property that is better suited to your needs.

HomeSwap Direct is a national home-swap scheme which allows you to see details of every available social housing property, whether this is just round the corner or somewhere else in the country. There are thousands of homes out there and moving can just be a click away.

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Finding a job or increasing your hours can also make you financially better off and help make up the

difference in rent. Use the Benefits Adviser tool to see how you could be better off in work: [www.gov.uk/benefits-adviser](http://www.gov.uk/benefits-adviser).

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As well as increasing your income, you may be eligible for financial support in both the short and long term to help with your housing costs. Speak to your council about the Discretionary Housing Payment scheme if you need more help: [www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council](http://www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council).

Find out more about all your options at [www.gov.uk/housing-benefit](http://www.gov.uk/housing-benefit).



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## Help with changes to Housing Benefit

Working-age people living in social housing now receive Housing Benefit based on the number of people in their household and the size of their accommodation. **Pensioners are not affected by this change.**

This change helps families who live in overcrowded accommodation or on waiting lists to find a new home. People who rent from private landlords already get Housing Benefit in this way, and this makes it fair for everyone.

If you are affected, you should have heard from your council.

There is support to help you manage these changes, including:

- thinking about downsizing or 'home swapping' to a different sized property
- finding a job or increasing your hours can make you better off
- applying to your council for a Discretionary Housing Payment.



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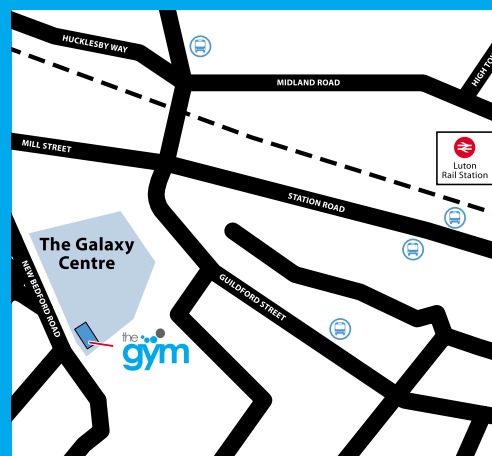
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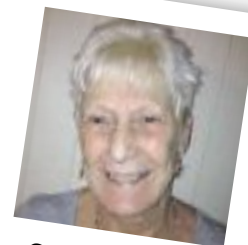
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The documents offer a fascinating glimpse of the past

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MAPS showing what Luton, Dunstable and the surrounding areas looked like in the 1840s have been published online.

The maps, which are free to view, were posted online by the National Library of Scotland as part of new digital library.

Each file allows you to zoom in to your street and see what was there before your home even existed.

Visit [www.luton-dunstable.co.uk](http://www.luton-dunstable.co.uk) for more information about the maps.

# Girl assaulted while on her way to school

BY JULIA SUTTON  
editor@lutononsunday.co.uk

**SCHOOLS in Dunstable have been warned by police after a pupil was assaulted last week whilst she was on her way to school.**

The girl, 13, had been walking along Union Street, Dunstable, on March 12 between 8.20am and 8.30am when a man approached her. He grabbed her and tried to drag her back up the road.

However, the girl struggled with the assailant and man-

aged to break free before running away and raising the alarm.

Bedfordshire Police then attended the scene of the incident but the man had already left.

Officers have described the man as being tanned, in his late 20s or early 30s, 5ft 4ins tall, of medium build, and clean shaven.

He had chubby cheeks, wore a black woollen hat with a bobble, blue jeans, black hooded top, blue fluffy gloves, and white trainers.

Since the incident, the Local Policing Team has contacted schools in the area to warn them and the force has encouraged everyone to be more vigilant.

Anyone with information on this assault can contact DC Mirian Khajavelidze, in confidence, on 01582 394270, the non-emergency number 101, or text information to 07786 200011.

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# Committed to building further success in Luton

IN a week when attention focussed on the nation's finances, it's a good time to reflect on priorities for Luton.

Shortly I shall report to full council with an update on the Prospectus for Luton which outlines our commitment to focus on three key strands: ensuring that people are safe, supported and healthy; making Luton fit for growth and encouraging business; and giving people access to great education and lifelong learning opportunities.

The financial situation is tougher. On top of savings of £54m which the council delivered over the last three years, in 2014/15 our budget had to identify a further £18m savings to meet the government's public sector cuts. A further £16m is needed in each of the next two years.

That's £104m savings over six years – or 68 per cent of our net budget for 2011/12!

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Council tax collection rates, once one of the worst in the country, are predicted to exceed our target of 96.5 per cent.

Trading of schools support services, brought in income of £6.7m last year.



The leader of Luton council, Hazel Simmons, on how the authority is committed to long-term success despite challenging spending cuts

We are working with partners including Jobcentre Plus and Luton Advice Network to make sure people receive the best debt and housing advice and employment support.

Specially-trained staff, and workshops on managing finances and applying for jobs, have reduced the number of people on the benefit cap by more than 25 per cent and under occupancy by 24 per cent.

Thanks to the opening of the Inspire Luton Sports Village and investment in other sports facilities the number of adults taking part in regular physical activity is at its highest since 2006.

The wellbeing of babies and very young children is a priority with Luton working hard to secure £50m government funding under the Flying Start programme.

More than 2,000 young people have accessed the new Tokko youth space to learn and develop new skills.

Last year London Luton Airport generated £27m to support services and community projects, and we hope to hear shortly that plans for growth that could support around 5,000 new jobs will be supported by the Secretary of State.

In the last 12 months the council has delivered around £118m of new capital infrastructure, with the Luton Dunstable Busway opened and work under way on improvements to M1 Junction 10a and completion of the inner ring road.

The first half of 2013 was a record for new company registrations in Luton.

School attainment continues to improve and Youth unemployment is now below the East of England and national average.

But there remains much to be done. What I am highlighting is Luton's commitment to ongoing, long-term improvement, and the successes we are achieving.

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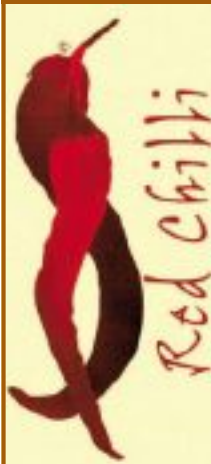
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## Disappointing outing for the Spartan warriors in '300: Rise of an Empire'

### FILM

#### 300: RISE OF AN EMPIRE

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Rating 2/5

**WHEN 300 surprised the box office with its ground-breaking style back in 2007, it was a cinematic triumph whether you particularly enjoyed it or not.**

Now seven years on the techniques – seamlessly blended live-action with Frank Miller-inspired slow-mo graphics – used in the first film do not seem quite so fresh, despite it having a fanbase that clamoured for some sort of sequel.

And they have it with Strike Back actor Sullivan Stapleton filling the void left by Gerard Butler's King Leonidas and his valiant – but ultimately massacred – band of 300 soldiers.

Unfortunately, the gore-filled original was far more satisfying than this linear, poorly scripted sequel that is simply by-the-numbers.

It still has plenty of gore but the heart and passion that made the first film so remarkable is sorely lacking here, particularly with the loss of director Zack Snyder, who is only in a production capacity.

That's despite a very decent villainous effort from Casino Royale actress Eva Green, a noteworthy extension of 300-lore, and a generally satisfying ending that sets it up nicely for the inevitable third instalment.

Based on Miller's graphic novel Xerxes, it sees the said mortal-turned-god (Rodrigo Santoro) – along with his viciously vengeful commander Artemisia (Green) – and his invading Persian army finally attempt to conquer Greece.

But not if Greek general Themistokles (Stapleton) has anything to say about it, as his heavily outnumbered army (sound familiar?) of farmers and tradesmen use every trick in the book to battle the advancing Persians across the Aegean Sea.



He also tries to enlist the help of Queen Gorgo and her Spartans, who are still awaiting the outcome of Leonidas' brave battle from the original (which runs concurrently alongside this story) – leaving the main meat to Themistokles vs Artemisia.

Sadly though – even with a bizarre sex scene

thrown in (!) – this is fairly linear stuff with just a boat battle, followed by slightly different boat battle, that at least hints at a possibly impressive final chapter.

Stapleton doesn't have anywhere near the same screen presence of Gerard Butler, and dialogue and speeches are terribly clichéd –

but it just about does enough to earn a watch if you enjoyed the first film.

Bar that though, the only reasons to see this sword-and-sandals opera would be simply down to the extension of the mythology – and Green's movie-stealing performance.

**Review: Gavin Miller**

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## Ska sensations Bad Manners on their way to Hat Factory

### MUSIC

**The Hat Factory, Luton**  
Friday March 28, 8pm.

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Formed in 1976 in Stoke Newington, London, Bad Manners went on to become ska legends and a much loved 1980s pop band.

Between 1980-83, they spent 111 weeks in the UK's pop charts and the band had 12 hit singles which included Lip Up Fatty, My Girl Lollipop and Special Brew.

Bad Manners have always been a non-stop party band and continue to hold that high accolade to this day, touring extensively both in Britain and abroad.

The group headlined their own music festival, known as Bad Fest, in 2005 and 2006 at RAF Twinwood Farm. This festival featured ska, mod-related and punk rock bands from the 1980s to the present.

In December 2012, founding members of the band met for the first time in decades. The meeting was successful and on July 18 2013, seven of the original nine members reunited at The Brownwood public house, near Finsbury Park.

In the same year, they also recorded their first single in thirteen years.

Bad Manners will be in Luton for one night only and tickets are £16.

Call 01582 878100 or go to [www.thehat-factory.org](http://www.thehat-factory.org) to book.



## Hal's phobias are no joke

### COMEDY & MUSIC

**The Gordon Arms, Bedford**  
Thursday, 8.15pm

**SURELY being 'scared of mice and people' (Hal Crutten's Twitter bio) must be something of a disadvantage for a stand-up comic?**

Maybe not the likelihood of having to deal with a bunch of mice on a nightly basis but people?

If there's no audience, there's no money and if there's no money, there's no bookings.

So, man-up Hal, because this week it's the crowd at Castle Comedy who will be there ready and waiting when you bring your Tough Luvvie tour to

Bedfordshire.

Hal has done quite a few odd jobs in TV – including a stint on EastEnders – but these days he's rather enjoying life as a stand-up and comic writer (The Omid Djalili Show uses a lot of his lines for instance).

He's popped up on Live At The Apollo, Mock the Week and Have I Got News For You, and bagged his first Radio 4 sitcom, Hal, this year too.

Hal will be chatting on about all things football, Facebook, and food related with his trademark 'mix of camp and straight, warm and catty humour'. (Pssst! No need to be frightened of the Bedford crowd Hal).

Tickets are £12 from 07736 060541 or online.

**BACK in March 1994 Oasis played at a half full pub in Bedford on a Wednesday night.**

Tickets cost just £3.50 and the band were paid a princely £100 for the show, which they probably spent on haircuts.

Three weeks later the band's debut single Supersonic was released and peaked at number 31 in the charts, setting in motion the millions of worldwide album sales and the spontaneous unfurling of union jacks.

Twenty years on from that night and the same promoter has booked Noasis, a tribute band, to play at the Corn Exchange to celebrate the anniversary of that gig.

Tickets for the gig on Saturday cost £22 and doors open at 7.30pm.

## Rosie Wilby promises a night of laughs

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Rosie's a Fringe Report Award winner 2010, Funny Women Finalist 2006, and has featured on Radio 4's Midweek, Woman's Hour, Loose Ends and Summer Nights.

Her 2011 show Rosie's Pop Diary toured to critical acclaim and she has appeared at WOW (Women of the World) Festival and Polari Literary Salon at London's Southbank Centre. Her writing has been published in national newspapers and magazines and she features in two new anthologies published by Accent Press and Little Episodes.

In a review Broadway Baby described Rosie's show as 'a brilliant and natural comedy mind and future... Wickedly cutting jokes and wonderful takes on sexuality'.

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### MUSICAL

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March 28, 7.30pm

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Well, you'd better shape up to sing along to the movie musical, Grease!

So grab those pink jackets, dust off your leather jackets, grease up those quiffs, and let your inhibitions go for an evening where you become the star.

Everyone knows the story of Grease: the tale of Summer Lovin' that sees young Sandy (Olivia Newton John) and greaser Danny Zuko (John Travolta) re-united after a false separation.

Native Australian Sandy's vacation is coming to a close which means she will have to leave behind her summer romance as she returns home.

Much to her surprise (and Danny's), Sandy's parents decide to stay in America and enrol her in Rydell High – the same school as Danny.

Things don't quite go to plan when they are reunited. The question on everyone's lips is – will they rekindle their summer romance?

Now, Sing-A-Long-A-Grease is giving you the chance to experience this iconic film in a new way.

The evening will begin with a vocal warm-up with the host and an introduction before you are shown how to use your free fun pack.

The host will then guide you through some hilarious heckles and appropriate actions that you can do to get things flowing.

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## Jim Davidson's up for a laugh

### COMEDY

The Grove Theatre  
November 11, 2014

**VERY few comedians could turn the worst year of their life into a resounding success, but fresh from winning Big Brother last year, Jim Davidson is aiming to do exactly that.**

'No Further Action' will see Jim tell the story of his arrest and the nightmare 12 months that followed, the clearing of his name, and winning the heart of the nation all over again as a Big Brother champion.

Jim will be doing all this in the only way he knows how – entertaining people; something he has been doing for nearly 40 years.

It promises to be one of the most outrageous, hilarious, and insightful shows Jim has ever performed, but most of all it will be the truth.

Jim will take 'No Further Action' on a 54 date UK tour, starting at the Great Yarmouth Britannia Pier on September 5 and coming to Dunstable in

November.

On announcing the new show, Jim said: "It was an interesting time, I had a rough ride for a while, but it's great to be back on stage doing what I love, and the best way of dealing with a nightmare is to talk about it."

"I always seem to find the funny side of things... even this. And then, for a finale, along came Big Brother. Wait to you hear the inside stories on that!"

Jim is one of the country's best established comics and most popular stand-up comedians of all time.

Alongside hosting much loved shows such as Big Break and The Generation Game, he has done sell-out theatre tours and pantomimes that have broken box office records around the country and received critical acclaim.

Jim also received an OBE for travelling around the world to perform for the troops.

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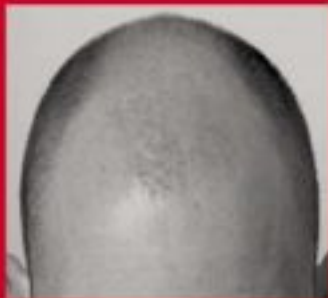
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The shortlist comes off the back of Countrywide plc's significant investment in a customer focussed employee programme called 'Hearts & Minds', to continually improve its service and ensure its approach and methods of communication are aligned with its customers.

The ESTAS determines the best estate agents in the country through research carried out amongst customers who are asked a series of questions about the service they have received from their agent. 32,000 questionnaires were completed by customers during the competition.

The regional and national winners will be announced by TV property expert Phil Spencer in front of 600 of the UK's top estate & letting agents at the 11th

annual ESTAS ceremony at the Hilton Park Lane, London on 9th May.

Robert Scarff, Managing Director of Estate Agency at Countrywide plc, said: "We are absolutely delighted to be shortlisted for the ESTAS 2014. It means so much to us as we know it is our customers who have put us on the list. We take our levels of customer service very seriously because we know customers have a choice and customers are the lifeblood of our business." Selling or buying a house is the largest financial transaction most people will ever undertake. Consumer research cites moving house as one of the top five most stressful life events, so it is important for consumers to choose the right estate agent.

The benefit of choosing an estate agency, such as Taylors, which is part of the largest estate agency network operating more than 1,300 associated branches across the UK, is that the customer inevitably has access to more buyers and therefore a better chance of selling their house quickly and at a good price.

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asking price at which to pitch the property.

It is also important for an estate agency to have a good online presence, as this is where many buyers begin their property search. "We invest millions of pounds a year on behalf of our customers in our online service, [www.propertywide.co.uk](http://www.propertywide.co.uk), and other property portals, to ensure maximum exposure, as an extensive internet presence will inevitably have access to more buyers," says Richard Yusuf, Regional Manager of Taylors Estate Agents.

"An agent that relies on simply "introducing" viewers cannot expose a property fully to the market and their customer can therefore never be certain that they have achieved the best price from the best buyer. A saving of 1% on the estate agency fee isn't so beneficial from a financial perspective when the property has been undersold." Taylors in Luton and Dunstable have had a busy start to the year, seeing more activity in the local housing market in the first few months of 2014 than when compared to the same period in 2013. The team expect this increased level of activity to continue well into the spring, which is traditionally one of the busiest periods for the housing market.

"The warmer sunshine and longer days traditionally attract more buyers to the market, so it is clear to see why spring is seen as the ideal time to sell your home. Buyers and sellers are more optimistic about the housing market conditions, and properties that are correctly priced and pro-actively marketed are selling well. We expect these next few weeks to be a busy period for us and we are looking forward to helping more people to move home," says Richard.

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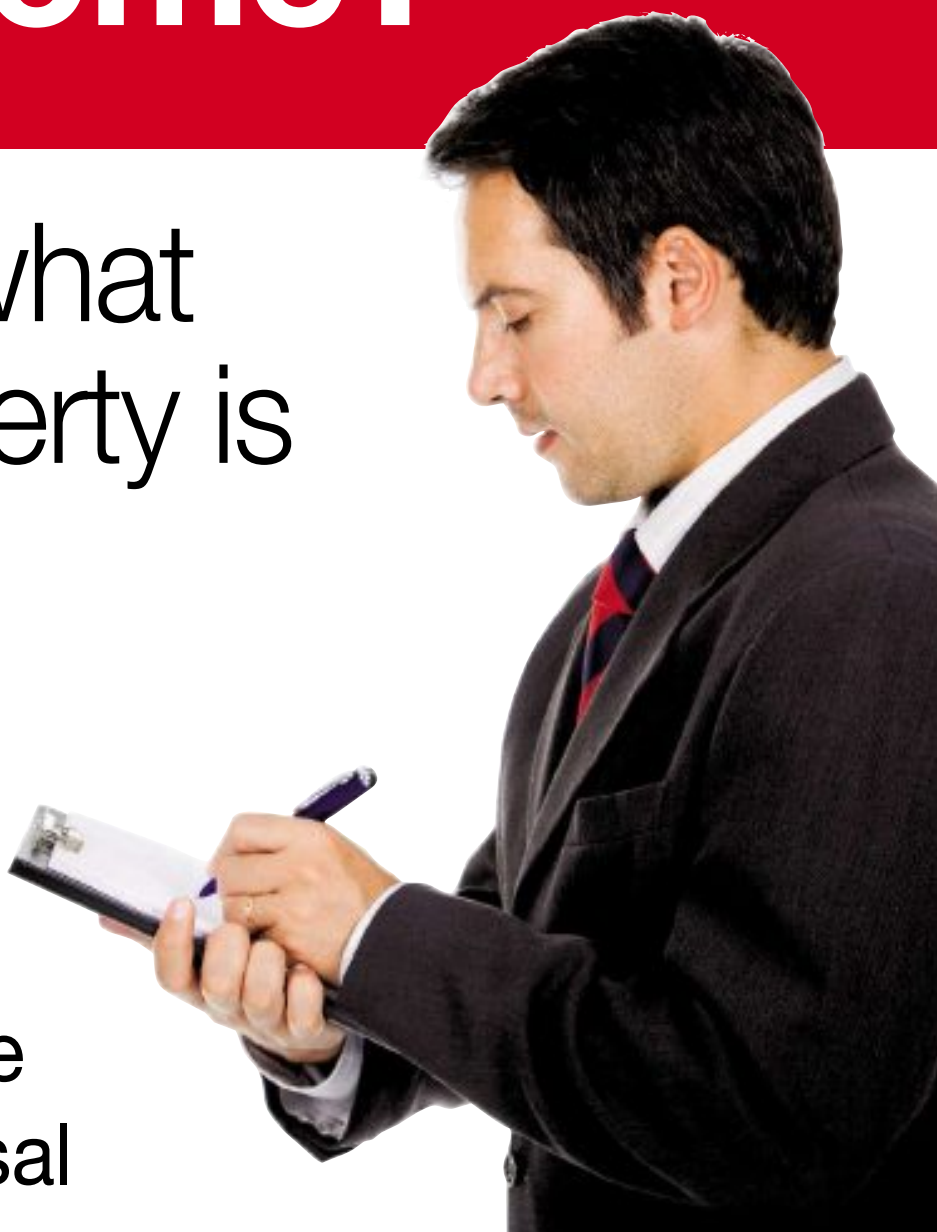
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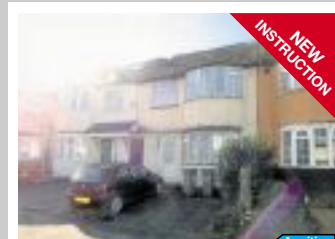
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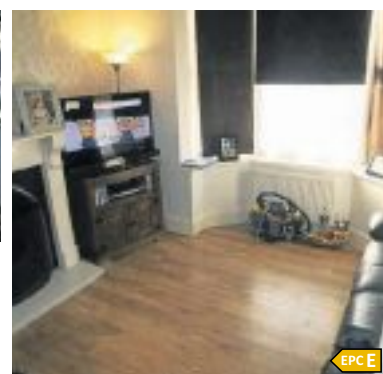
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EPC D



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- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- No Onward Chain
- Sought After Location
- Close to Transport Links



Awaiting EPC



**Redwood Drive** £155,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- Garden
- Off Road Parking



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**Runfold Avenue** £260,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Five/Six Bedrooms
- Two/Three Reception Rooms
- Popular Residential Area

EPC F



**Finsbury Road** £220,000

- Extended Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking & Garden

EPC E



**Blundell Road** £190,000

- End Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Large Rear Garden

EPC D



**Mostyn Road** £155,000

- Two Bedroom Terraced Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Bathroom & Cloakroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

EPC D



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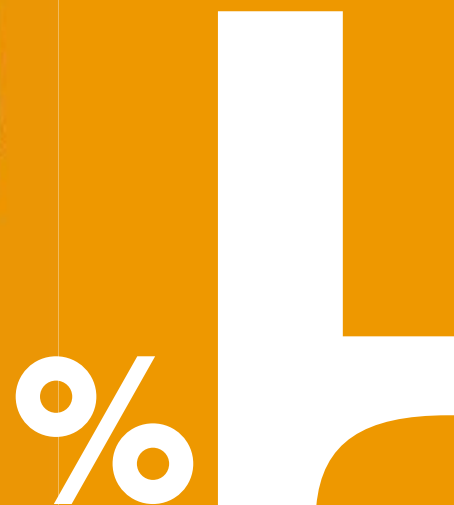
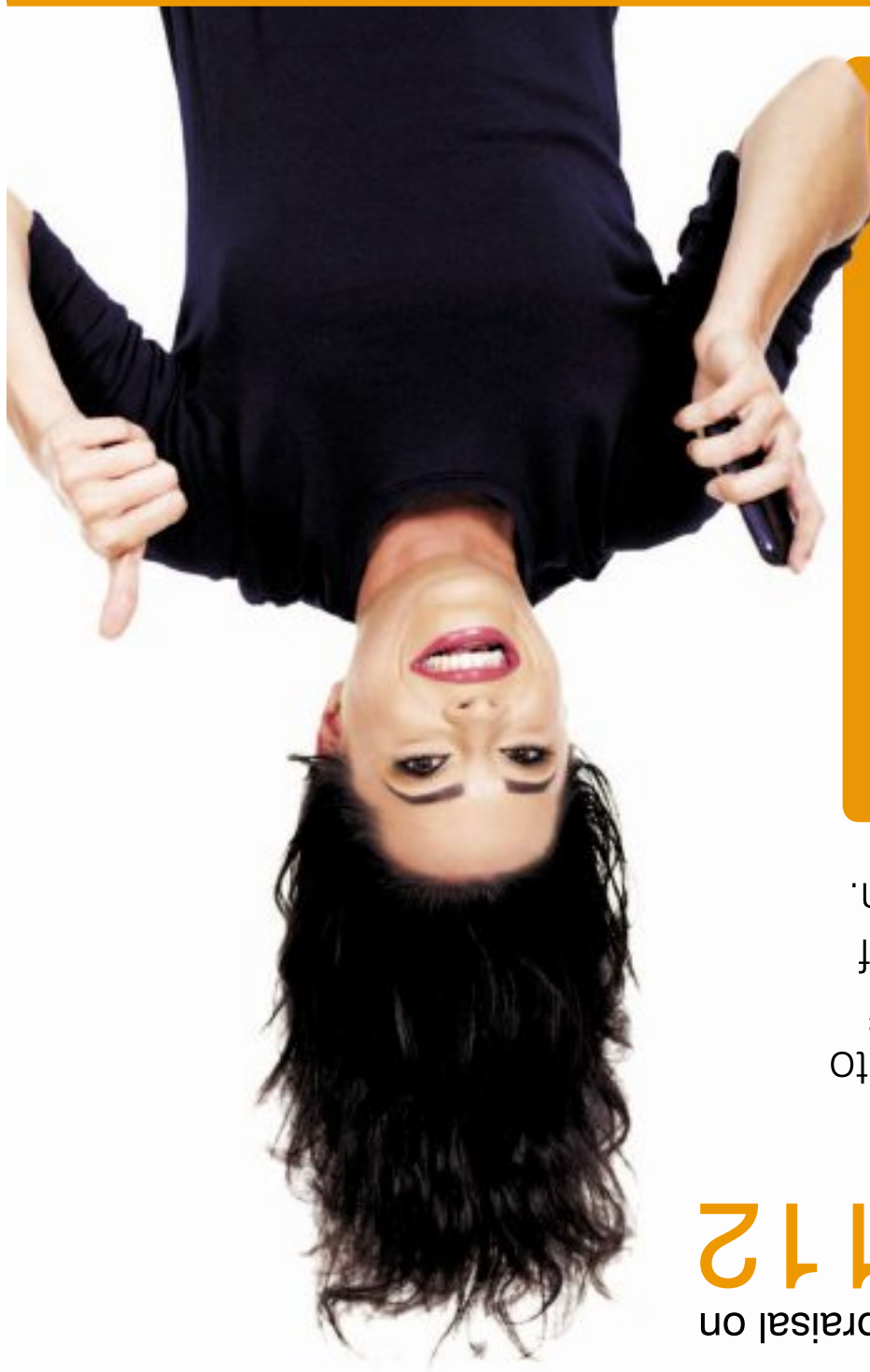
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- 1
- 1
- Garden
- 1 garage(s)

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- 3
- 1
- 2
- Private rear
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Large and extended three bedroom home located over three floors of living space. Ideal location for commuter and good schooling also EPC Rating - D

- 3
- 2
- 2
- Garden
- 1 off road

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Located on this private road is this large town house which has a Mediterranean feel, this really is a large home not to be missed EPC Rating - D

- 3
- 1
- 2
- Garden
- 1 garage(s)

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- 3
- 1
- 2
- Garden
- 1 garage(s)

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- 3
- 2
- 2
- Garden
- 3 off road

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- 2
- 1
- 1
- Small garden
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- 2
- 1
- 1
- Patio garden
- 1 underground

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- 2
- 1
- 1
- 1 off road

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- 1
- 1
- 1
- Communal
- 1 off road

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- 3
- 1
- 2
- Large garden
- 1 off road

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- 2
- 1
- 2
- Garden

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- 1
- 1
- 1

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- 2
- 2
- 1
- Garden

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- 3
- 2
- 1
- Garden
- 1 garage(s)

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MARCH 2014

### Good news for housing market as Help to Buy extended

The extension of the Government's Help to Buy scheme in George Osborne's budget announcement is good news for home buyers and the housing market, according to local estate agency Connells. The scheme, which enables buyers to purchase a home with a 5% deposit, has already helped many would-be buyers to move home or get on the property ladder for the first time, some of whom would not have been able to do so without Help to Buy.

Help to Buy has also been fundamental to boosting house building activity and is available on most of the new homes developments that Connells is selling. The local team is urging anyone who thinks they could benefit from the scheme to get in touch and discuss what is available.

"Help to Buy has been very popular with purchasers since it was launched last April so the decision to extend the scheme is positive news for the housing market," says **Lee Clark**, Branch Manager for Connells. "As well as helping first-time buyers, the scheme was instrumental for home movers, many of whom used it to move to a larger home which would fulfil their needs for a longer period rather than having to upsize again a few years down the line."

The budget has extended the equity loan Help to Buy scheme for new homes which enables buyers to purchase a new build

property worth up to £600,000 with a five-year, interest-free Government loan for up to 20% of the value of the property. This means buyers may need only a 5% deposit to purchase a brand new home. The scheme is designed to overcome what has been the single biggest stumbling block for buyers in recent years, that of saving a huge deposit to buy a property.

"We are advising buyers to take advantage the Help to Buy as soon as possible," **Lee** continues. "With house prices continuing to rise, those who purchase now will benefit from increases in the value of their property in the months ahead."

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£180,000



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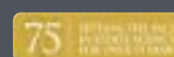
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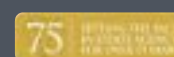
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Bramingham

£164,500



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Challney Catchment

£155,000



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Hockwell Ring

£115,000



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## ST ANNES' AREA

**£210,000**


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**£189,995**


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## ROUND GREEN

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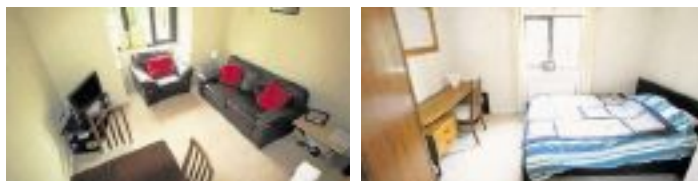




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Email: grangesch@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk  
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Headteacher  
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The closing date for applications is 23.04.14. Interviews will be held on 08.05.14

### CLERICAL ASSISTANT

35 hours per week, Term Time + 5 Training Days  
Scale 2a +2, 12 - 15 (£12,455 pa approx)

This is a permanent post 8.30 am - 4.00 pm, to undertake reception & general office duties, first aid & varied tasks. You will have good WP/ICT skills, be able to multitask and remain calm in a busy environment. GCSE English and Maths or equivalent is required.

Closing date 31.03.14 - 9.00 am. Interview 03.04.14.

### LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

31 hours per week, Term Time + 5 Training Days  
Level 2a pt 12 - 15 (£10,922 approx)

These are permanent posts 8.50 am - 3.40 pm. You would work as a member of the school team to support pupils with MLD and Social Communication Difficulties. English and Maths to the equivalent of GCSE level is required and experience of working with children with special needs would be an advantage. Start dates 22.04.14 and 01.09.14.

Closing date 31.03.14 - 9.00 am. Interview 07.04.14.

Application packs all for these exciting posts can be obtained from our website at www.grange.beds.sch.uk - Contact Us, by emailing grangesch@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk or by phone 01234 407100. CVs cannot be accepted. Grange Academy practices Safer Recruitment therefore this post is subject to enhanced DBS Clearance and references. Visits to the school are welcomed.

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Pay calculated on daily basic rate with additional commission for sold measures. Overall, **expected earnings range from £28,000 to £50,000 per annum.** All appointments are pre booked by our administration teams and a daily diary will be provided electronically. Immediate start available.

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We are looking to appoint the following (start date September 2014)

- Teacher of Maths - Key Stage 2 to 3 Champion
- Teacher of Science - Key Stage 2 to 3 Champion
- Teacher of ICT
- Teacher of English

Applicants will need to demonstrate the ability to accept new ideas and a thorough commitment to student learning. We want staff with the vision and determination to ensure all our students receive a first class education and who will rise to the challenge of building on success.

### In return the successful candidate can expect:

- Comprehensive tailored induction and professional development programme within the school.
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- Opportunities for development provided by The Education Fellowship.
- Excellent career development opportunities.

To apply visit [www.rushden.northants.sch.uk](http://www.rushden.northants.sch.uk) or contact us for an application pack. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Deadline for applications is Monday 31 March 2014**

Rushden Community College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment and undergo an enhanced DBS check as part of our Safer Recruitment & Selection Procedures.

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Closing date: 7 April 2014

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## Personal Advisor /Trainer Vacancy

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You will be educated to 'A' level standard, be qualified to Level 4 Information, Advice and Guidance, ideally hold a teaching qualification and have a minimum of 2 years' experience of supporting clients to achieve their goals to enable them to be able to move into training and/or employment and volunteering.

**Salary:** Between £22,000 - £25,000 depending on qualifications and/or experience  
**Hours:** 37.5 hours per week  
**Duration:** Fixed term contract until May 2015

In return for your commitment, we are offering an attractive package including:

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Job Description, Person Specification and Application Pack for the position is available by contacting Nick Bray on (01234) 851154 or [nbray@learning-partnership.co.uk](mailto:nbray@learning-partnership.co.uk)

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 9th April 2014.

Interviews will take place week commencing 14th April 2014.

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[sarah.nichols-weaver@kwseducational.co.uk](mailto:sarah.nichols-weaver@kwseducational.co.uk)

Closing date Friday 4th April 12:30.

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### SURREY STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Class Teacher

MPS / UPS

Vacancy ID: 101033

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We are a friendly, inclusive school. OFSTED, September 2011, said:

- This is a good school which meets the needs of its pupils well
- Pupils' enjoyment contributes significantly to their positive attitude towards learning and good behaviour

- All pupils are made welcome and included in the life of the school
- The curriculum is enriched by numerous clubs, visits and visitors to the school.

We can offer excellent in school training and support from our experienced senior teachers.

Please download an application form from our website: [www.surreystreetprimary.com](http://www.surreystreetprimary.com) and post it to the school address. (The school will be closed for Easter w/c Mon 7th until Wednesday 23rd April).

Visits to the school are recommended please ring for an appointment - 01582 748810.

Deadline for applications is April 30th. Interviews will be held on May 6th

Closing date: 30 April 2014 at 09:30am.

Interview date: 6 May 2014.

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## ROTHESAY NURSERY SCHOOL

Rothsay Road, Luton LU1 1RB

**2 x Early Years Foundation Stage Teachers**

MPS / UPS

Vacancy ID: 101063

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- Children's interest leads the curriculum.
- Each child is valued as an individual.
- Staff work enthusiastically as a team.
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Applications are invited from experienced teachers who would like to join us on our learning journey.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed (Please be aware that the school will be closed for the Easter holidays – 7 to 22 April 2014).

If you would like any further information regarding these posts, please contact the school on 01582 726966

To apply for this role, visit [www.luton.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.luton.gov.uk/jobs)

Closing date: 27 April 2014.

Interview date: w/c 5 May 2014.

## WHITEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Stockholm Way, Luton, Beds LU3 3SS

**Behaviour Provision Teacher**

MPS / UPS

Vacancy ID: 101062

0.6 FTE



Do you see this glass as half empty or half full?

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Closing date: 22 April 2014.

Interview date: 28 April 2014.

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## General Vacancies



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Daubeney Academy

Orchard Street, Kempston, Bedford MK42 7PS

**Teacher of English**

Full-time

MPS

For September 2014: We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and committed teacher to join a friendly and supportive team at the school. The post would suit an NQT or an experienced teacher.

Closing date: 23 April 2014.

Interview date: w/c 5 May 2014.

**Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages**

Full-time

MPS

Opportunity for TLR2a to co-ordinate MFL for a suitable candidate

For September 2014: We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and committed teacher to join a friendly and supportive team at the school. The post would suit an NQT or an experienced teacher. There is an opportunity for a suitable candidate to gain responsibility points to co-ordinate the MFL subject area.

Closing date: 23 April 2014.

Interview date: w/c 5 May 2014.

**Midday Supervisory Assistant**

5 hours per week, term-time only, plus 5 training days

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The position is available for an immediate start.

This appointment will be for a fixed-term in the first instance up to the 31st December 2014.

Closing date: 8 April 2014.

Interview date: w/c 28 April 2014.

Daubeney Academy is a school with an excellent reputation, and a friendly and supportive professional working environment, with a dedicated and supportive staff and Board of Directors.

Daubeney Academy is an over-subscribed, mixed 9-13, multi-cultural, 480 pupil middle school in the western outskirts of Bedford.

On 1 April 2012 the school changed status from a Foundation School to become Daubeney Academy, whilst still retaining close links with other local schools. The staff and directors of Daubeney are committed to the continual improvement of the learning experience of our pupils. The school has earned a well-deserved reputation both for attainment and pastoral care of its pupils. Daubeney Academy is committed to safeguarding children and all posts are subject to a DBS enhanced clearance.

"Pupils behave well and they are courteous and polite to each other, their teachers and visitors" Ofsted 2013

Visits to the school by arrangement are welcome.

**For further details and an application pack for all roles please contact Mr P Chisnall on tel: 01234 400111 or email: [daubeneyacademy@schools.bedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:daubeneyacademy@schools.bedfordshire.gov.uk)**

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## ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY TEAM

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**For an informal discussion please contact one of the following Team Managers:**

**Tessa Feneley** on 0300 300 8100 or [tessa.feneley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:tessa.feneley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

**Tanya Trueman** on 0300 300 8100 or [tanya.trueman@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:tanya.trueman@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

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## General Vacancies

## Central Bedfordshire Council

## ASSET MANAGEMENT/HOUSING TEAM

## ● AREA MAINTENANCE SURVEYOR

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**Full time, 37 hours per week**

Responsible for all maintenance issues within a given patch, you'll identify defects, ensure cost effective repairs are carried out and oversee contractors. This key role includes contract management of both minor and major works up to £1 million per annum.

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**Part-time, 22 hours per week**

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## St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Dunstable Road, Caddington, Dunstable, Beds LU1 4BB

## ● CLASS TEACHER

**MPS / UPS Vacancy ID: 101031**

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Completed applications should be emailed to: [hr@bedfordschool.org.uk](mailto:hr@bedfordschool.org.uk) or posted to Anna Smith, HR Adviser, The Bursary, Bedford School, 10 Glebe Road Bedford MK40 2PL.

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## General Vacancies

## Central Bedfordshire Council

## COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM

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For an informal discussion please contact Maggie Highton 0300 300 5686 or email [maggie.highton@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:maggie.highton@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

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Vacancy ID: 101067

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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (VARIOUS ROADS)

(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) (NO.8) ORDER 2014

**NOTICE** is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

**The Order will come into operation on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 for a period of 18 months. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.**

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the roads and lengths of roads in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described as above.

The purpose of the Order is to enable highway improvement works to be carried out.

The Order will also provide for a "No Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm" restriction to apply in each road for the period of the closure. This will be in force when cones are displayed. Vehicles will be prohibited from accessing and parking on the road with exception to vehicles used by the emergency services and vehicles being used in connection with the works. Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

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Bristol Road.	The whole length.
Burr Street.	The whole length.
Calverton Road.	From its junction with Icknield Way to its junction with Watermead Road.
Church Street.	From its junction with St Mary's Road to its junction with Park Street including the roundabout.
Clifton Road.	From its junction with St Mary's Road to its junction with Hitchin Road.
Cranbrook Drive.	The whole length.
Dunstable Road.	From its junction with Bury Park Road to its junction with Telford Way.
Empress Road.	From its junction with Oakley Road including roundabout to its junction with Leicester Road.
Fairfax Avenue.	The whole length.
Fourth Avenue.	The whole length.
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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (VARIOUS ROADS)

(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) (NO.9) ORDER 2014

**NOTICE** is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

**The Order will come into operation on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 for a period of 18 months. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.**

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the roads and lengths of roads in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described as above.

The purpose of the Order is to enable highway improvement works to be carried out.

The Order will also provide for a "No Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm" restriction to apply in each road for the period of the closure. This will be in force when cones are displayed. Vehicles will be prohibited from accessing and parking on the road with exception to vehicles used by the emergency services and vehicles being used in connection with the works. Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Adelaide Street.	At its junction with Hastings Street.
Beaconsfield.	The whole length.
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Dunstable Road Service Road.	From its junction with Leicester Road to its junction with Halfway Avenue.
Dunstable Road.	Dunstable Road Service Road from its junction with Chaul End Lane to its frontage of The Chaul End Centre.
Gordon Street.	The whole length.
Granville Road.	The whole length.
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Vernon Road.	The whole length.
Whipperley Way.	From its junction with Whipperley Way roundabout to its junction with Whipperley Ring roundabout.

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DATED: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014

Local Authority Notices

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.FA) ORDER 2014

**NOTICE** is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, proposes to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The general effect of the Order will be to introduce No Waiting at Anytime restrictions as specified in the Schedule below.

SCHEDULE – Introduce No Waiting at Anytime

Road	Length
Beechwood Road.	Even numbered side from a point opposite the southern boundary of No.34 Beechwood Road to its junction with Dunstable Road.  Odd numbered side from a point 8 metres southeast of a point opposite the boundary of No's 9/11 Beechwood to its junction with Dunstable Road.
Chandos Road.	Even numbered side from its junction with Dunstable Road for a distance of 10 metres.
Dunstable Road.	Even numbered side from a point opposite the western kerbline of Chandos Road eastwards for a distance of approximately 38 metres.  Even numbered side from a point 10 metres east of the eastern kerbline of Caleb Close to a point opposite the boundary of No's 454/456 Dunstable Road.

A copy of the draft Order, plan and reasons for making the proposals may be inspected at the Town Hall, Luton. Please telephone Highway Services on 01582 546783 to arrange for an appointment to view.

If you wish to object to the proposed Order you should write to me at the address below, or email me at HighwayTRO@luton.gov.uk setting out the grounds of your objection by no later than Monday 14th April 2014 quoting reference P1650.

23rd March 2014

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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (VARIOUS ROADS)

(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) (NO.4) ORDER 2014

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

**The Order will come into operation on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 for a period of 18 months although it is anticipated work will be completed by 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.**

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the roads and lengths of roads in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described as above. Specific times and dates will be signed locally.

The purpose of the Order is to enable repair works to speed tables to be carried out.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Pastures Way.	From its junction with Ravenhill Way to its junction with Wheatfield Road.
Tomlinson Avenue.	From its junction with Beadlow Road to its junction with Wheatfield Road.

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Background

Luton Borough Council owns the adventure playground located off Haddon Road. The postal address is Hart Hill Adventure Playground, Falks Hill, Luton LU2 0FN.

At its meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013 the Council Executive approved transferring this asset to an eligible organisation on a 25 year lease. The successful applicant will be expected to be an organisation established for the public benefit and to run the services for children and young people and the wider community from the facility for the benefit of local people and the citizens of Luton.

The facility consists of a community building with a hall of approximately 110m<sup>2</sup>, an office, a kitchen and toilets. It also consists of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and outdoor play equipment. The equipment is not conventional, as found in playgrounds across the country. It is much larger scale and designed to facilitate creative, imaginative and risk aware play.

The Council will award the transfer using a two stage process; the first is this expression of interest in which we wish to know basic details about any organisation interested.

There will follow a short-listing process. For the second stage the Council will ask for a detailed business case for the running of the adventure play ground and community facility. The Council's Executive will have final approval of the successful candidate.

Applicants should be aware that the land upon which the playground is situated has the status of Education Land. A 25 year lease is a disposal in legal terms, so requires the consent of the Secretary of State for Education before it can be completed. Luton Borough Council has started that process, but the consent decision rests outside its control. Luton Borough Council will accept no liability for time and expense incurred in writing a business case in the unlikely event that consent is not granted.

Applicants should also be aware that it is possible that TUPE might apply to the staff group identified by the service provider currently running services from the land and facility. Any applicant is advised that it should make its own investigations on this matter with regard to the transfer of the asset and the provision of services and to form its own view taking such legal advice as it considers necessary.

Applicants will wish to be aware that donations to the value of £70K for 2014 – 15 have already been secured from third parties and applicants can take this into account when preparing business cases. It is possible that this level of donation may continue in subsequent years but cannot be guaranteed.

Closing Date

The Expressions of Interest for the transfer of the asset should be returned to Rick Donnelly by Fri 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at the following address:-

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The expressions will be considered by the Council and applicants informed of the panels decision on whether to invite applicants to submit a full business case and further deadlines by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

If you have any questions about the facility or the process please contact Rick Donnelly (telephone 547075) or Marek Lubelski (telephone 548779, email [marek.lubelski@luton.gov.uk](mailto:marek.lubelski@luton.gov.uk))

**PART A – APPLICANT DETAILS** – Please provide the following details about your organisation

Full name of applicant organisation.....

Address: .....

Postcode: ..... Website: .....

Details of person to contact about this application:

First name: .....

Surname: .....

Position in organisation: .....

Telephone number: ..... Mobile number: .....

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**What is the legal status of your organisation?**

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**PART B: WHAT IS IT YOU WANT TO DO?**

Please indicate the kind of main activity you undertake or wish to undertake if community asset is transferred to your organisation. Include the activities/services that will be provided from the play ground, the outcomes you expect to achieve and your experience of working in neighbourhoods and communities similar to Hart Hill, if any. Maximum 1000 words

**PART C – Checklist**

Please provide the following information for your organisation. Please ensure each item is clearly labelled. Luton Borough Council recognises that not every organisation has all of these documents but please provide the closest thing to it, or explain why you do not have or need an item.

Constitution

Memorandum and articles of association

Policies and procedures including:

Financial

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Health and Safety and Risk Assessment

Safeguarding and CRB

Signed and approved Year End Accounts for the last 3 years including bank statements confirming year end balance if your accounts are not independently approved

Confirmation that you have a fully constituted Management Committee or Board of Directors

**PART D – DECLARATION**

This must be signed by the appropriate officer in your organisation. This means either the Chair of your management committee, your Managing Director or Chief Executive or, if relevant, your company secretary.

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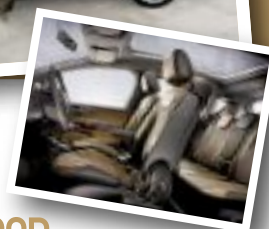
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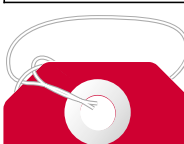
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SEALED IT: Paul Benson smashes home number three yesterday

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coming closest, but couldn't grab a deserved goal before half time. After surviving a succession of Chester corners, which culminated in Mark Tyler's touch over from Paul Linwood's header, Luton re-asserted their dominance. Two crosses from the right, by Benson and Henry respectively, provided chances for Howells and Griffiths but neither could convert.

Despite their territorial advantage, the home side were, for the fourth successive match, in dire need of Luke Guttridge's guile and invention – the attacking midfielder looks set to be sidelined for the rest of the season.

Nevertheless, the Hatters were still creating chances, especially when good play between Ruddock Mpanzu and Benson on the hour afforded Gray the best chance of the game but Chapman held firm. The resulting corner reached the unmarked Griffiths, who headed into the ground and narrowly over.

The 100-or-so Asian women invited to the game as a representation of Luton's multicultural society, some of whom were attending their first ever football match, continued to witness a barrage of Town attacks.

Benson's diving header from Gray's curled ball in the 68th

granted Chapman a simple save, as the flag stayed down.

The introduction of newly-signed midfielder Luke Rooney – brought in from Maidstone United on Friday – seemed a necessity but it was Robinson who was given the nod and he immediately gave Luton the lead via a huge slice of fortuity.

His ungainly cross in the 70th minute, aimed towards the back post, bypassed every player in the box and landed in the far corner of Chester's goal to Still's relief in the dugout.

Rooney was then introduced for his debut and seemed to lift the hosts, who straight away doubled their tally, Gray set free by Mark Cullen and wrong-footing the goalkeeper with his low finish. Benson's late hammer home from Henry's cross added the gloss. Luton are now 14 points clear of Cambridge who play the FA Trophy final today.

*Luton:* Tyler; Henry, McNulty, Franks, Griffiths; Parry (Robinson 67), Ruddock Mpanzu (Rooney 82), Lawless, Howells (Cullen 62); Benson, Gray Subs not used: Justham, Shaw

*Chester:* Chapman; L.Turner, Linwood, Kay, Heath; Jarrett, Bond, Rooney, Menagh, N. Turner; Hobson

*Subs not used:* Danby; Lindfield, Peers, Carlton, Blake

*Attendance:* 8475 (229)



NEW BOY: Luke Rooney

## Town maintain pressure at the top but Rovers slip up

### FOOTBALL

BY NICK SMITH

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DUNSTABLE TOWN kept the pressure on table toppers Rugby with a 1-0 win over bottom-of-the-table Ashford Town (Middlesex) yesterday in the Southern League Division One Central.

The Blues controlled the game from the off and dominated their opponents in the early stages.

They found a breakthrough with 19 minutes gone, when Adam Watkins took control of the

ball down the right wing in his own half and played a superb through ball to Leon Cashman who fired past Tyler Tobin in the Ashford goal.

He could have had another just 10 minutes later, but Tobin made a good stop and Cashman's follow up shot flew over the bar.

In the second half, the hosts upped the pressure on Dunstable as they looked to salvage something from the game, but The Blues held on to take all three points and keep their championship hopes alive. They are three points behind Rugby with just one promotion spot on offer and are next in action on Tuesday when they travel to Daventry.

Elsewhere in the league, BARTON ROVERS slipped out of the play off places after a 3-1 defeat at the hands of visitors Potters Bar Town.

Potters Bar went 3 goals clear in 17 second half minutes, with the first coming from Ben Bowditch.

The midfielder leapt highest to head home from a cross.

The second one came through Jack Friend just five minutes later. After Barton centre back Peter Gatti's attempted clearance cannoned off the bar, the defender was on hand to turn the ball into the back of the net.

The game was truly put to bed with 70 min-

utes gone, when a penalty was awarded to the visitors.

Midfielder Josh Hutchinson made no mistake from the spot, giving his side a seemingly unassailable lead.

However, Barton looked to start a comeback almost from kick off.

New signing BJ Christie fired a cross into the box and the ball was sliced into the goal from an attempted clearance.

Despite lots of effort in the remaining minutes, they couldn't break through again, giving Potters Bar a deserved win.

Barton host Kettering Town on Tuesday, who moved above them yesterday.

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# Everything in place for Hatters to finish the job



**NORMAL SERVICE:** Hatters celebrate during yesterday's 3-0 win over Chester. Full report inside.  
Picture: Gareth Owen

## HATTERS

BY LUKE PETERSON  
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**JOHN Still says his Hatters side have 'everything' needed to win the Skrill Premier and return to the Football League.**

Champions elect Luton grabbed a hard-fought three points over battling Chester FC at Kenilworth Road yesterday afternoon, to end a three-game winless run.

Matt Robinson's fluke opener, added to by goals from strike-pair Andre Gray and Paul Benson, dispelled a tense opening 45 and moved Luton 14 points clear at the top.

"In the first half, we were slow, the pace of our game was slow, the tempo of our game was slow, we were worried about making mistakes," said Hatters boss Still. "In the second half I said to them: 'if you get beaten, get beaten but play like Luton, play with a tempo'."

"We worked harder in the second half and we got a goal, which was a bit lucky. From then on we

looked like Luton. I wasn't disappointed because I understand about nerves but winners overcome that. We overcame it today. Did we deserve to win today? Yes we did.

"I just kept reminding them about how we got here; what are the things that worked? If we keep doing that, I believe we can get enough points to take us up.

"Every game between now and the end of the season is going to be tough and we have to be ready for that.

"We've got to get ourselves over the line and that's a fantastic three points. We have everything here to win this league."

A lot has been made of the potentially season-ending injury to Luke Guttridge, with Saturday's win the first since the midfielder's metatarsal problem.

Yesterday's game saw the debut of Luke Rooney, who was signed on Friday as a possible replacement for Guttridge, as well as a long term option.

"I've known him for a long time," said Still. "I know his Dad. He got a great move to

Swindon, scored a great goal against my former team. He perhaps made a couple of wrong decisions when the time came to leave Swindon.

"He ended up at Maidstone, which I knew. I'd already spoken to Maidstone and said to them 'when the time's right, will you tell me?'"

"They came to me and said that Barnet had enquired about him so I rang him and said 'if you're going to leave, come here'. "We saw for 15 minutes [in the Chester game] that he's a very talented player."

Another story surrounding the win was the kit-colour reveal for next season's home shirt.

The chosen colour, orange, was voted for in a fan poll and Still says he's delighted.

"I voted white but I'm a Luton manager, not a Luton supporter for years," he said.

"Whatever it is, I'm delighted they've had a say and chosen.

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"I'm really pleased they've had a vote. Really and truly, if they've chosen that it's fantastic."

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